



Shady Hollow Highlights

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Board Meeting
7 p.m. Thursday
January 15
Community Center
Members encouraged
to attend.

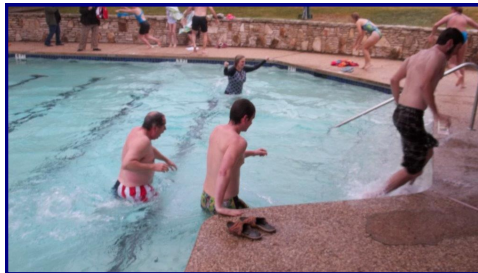
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15TH ANNUAL POLAR BEAR SWIM

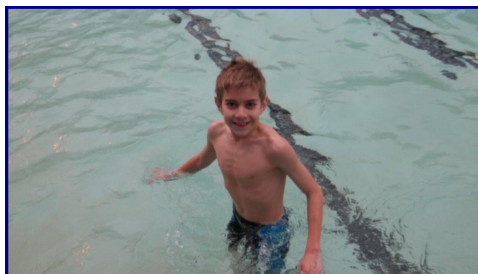
By Charlie Nettles

When weather forecasters began to predict ice and snow, the indefatigable polar bear wannabees of Shady Hollow immediately stirred from their hibernation in order to take a quick dip in the pool.



Driven by their inner Polar Bear, swimmers showed up **because** of the weather not **despite** the weather.

With air temperature in the upper 30s' and a 40° water temperature, our neighborhood polar bears jumped in with wild abandon. A total of 31 brave souls started the New Year with a chill.



Skylar Anthes, Blake Anthes, and William Wallace remained in the water the longest. Happy New Year's to all participants!

SHADY HOLLOW HOLIDAY PARTY

By Darin Laracuent

The warm weather didn't dampen the holiday spirit this year, as fun was had by all those in attendance!



I would like to thank those who donated, volunteered, and otherwise assisted:
H-E-B—2110 W. Slaughter Lane,
Chick-fil-A—161 W Slaughter Ln, Ste M,
Bowie KEY CLUB, TROOP 10,
Close2MyHome, Will Pesl, Bob Gribble, all those I have forgotten, and special thanks to **MR. & MRS. SANTA CLAUS!**



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Please call Mike Berryman 512.914.0069 and we can make arrangements to dig it out by March.

Please feel free to donate Crape Myrtles, Desert Willow, Retama, Citrus or any other tree you would like to see when driving by Bailey.

We use air pruning to develop a thick fibrous root system before planting in the ground.

Email Newsletters

Over 1000 members have access to the newsletter by email.

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- ▶ You have access to the newsletter earlier.
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2015 Shady Hollow Board of Directors Election Candidates

Gregg Sales

Gregg Sales and his family moved to Shady Hollow in January of 2006. Gregg and his wife Camille both have architecture degrees from the University of Florida and the University of Texas respectively. After working in the architecture field for 19 years Gregg started a technology company called BlueBolt Technology Maintenance which concentrates primarily on architecture and engineering firms. Gregg has been on the Shady Hollow Stingray board for 6+ years. Gregg and Camille have a daughter who is a junior at Bowie High and a son who is a freshman. Gregg has enjoyed his time serving the Stingray families and hopes to translate those experiences to the entire community while serving on the HOA board.

Rebecca Shaw

Hello! I am Rebecca Shaw and am honored to be considered for the Shady Hollow HOA Board. Here is a little about myself. I am a devoted wife to my high school sweetheart, Gregg, and mother to four wonderful children, Ella (9), Lilly (14), Trevor (18) and Chelsea (23). We have lived in Shady Hollow since 2006. Upon moving here, we were introduced to some of the community events organized by the HOA. The family-focused atmosphere and strong community presence were enough to make us want to stay and protect this gem of a neighborhood that we call home. Over the last 8 years, I have been actively involved with the swim team and last year was elected to the Shady Hollow Stingray Board as secretary. My goal is to protect the integrity of this neighborhood and to serve this amazing community to the best of my ability. Thank you for your time.

Laureen Chernow

I've lived on Silmarillion Trail in Shady Hollow with my husband Wally Reeves since 1990 and we both think it is the best decision we could have made as far as where we should live.

I first ran for the SHHOA Board two years ago because I realized it was my turn to give back a bit for living in such a great neighborhood for so long. I'm running for re-election to the Board in order to further some of the initiatives begun during the past two years.

I have learned a tremendous amount about what it takes to keep our community the special place that it is – some of what I learned is good, some a bit painful. I was surprised to find that while I enjoyed having a very low homeowner assessment for many years (much lower than many other neighborhoods nearby with fewer amenities) it meant we as a neighborhood are now facing major infrastructure issues that will take money to resolve. Pools, playscapes, trees, landscaping, a community center – all our amenities require money for upkeep, and the Board on which I served the past two years took major steps to ensure that funds are available when needed. I'd like to help make sure that we don't fall back into a situation where crumbling infrastructure turns our neighborhood into one no different from run-of-the-mill ones.

I'm also interested in the myriad transportation issues we face. In 2012 I spoke before the CAMPO Board about the need for State Highway SW45. It was clear from their responses that the City of Austin members were uninformed about Shady Hollow and its

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DRAFT December 20 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance

Vice President Carol Vance, Treasurer Bill Aleshire, Allen Barr, Russ Downey, Laura Kennedy, Kevin Hendrix

Board Members not in Attendance

Peter Varteressian, Laureen Chernow, Pam Bagget-Wallis

Staff in Attendance

Darin Laracuente

Others in Attendance

Len Newsom

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Carol Vance at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was amended to move the New Business to the first item of business and post-pone items that were placed on the agenda by Pam Bagget-Wallis due to her absence. Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Allen Barr; Russell Downey seconded. Approved unanimously

Approval of the minutes of the November 20, 2014 Board meeting

Motion made by Alan Barr and seconded by Laura Kennedy to approve the November minutes. Approved unanimously.

Announcement by Vice President Carol Vance

Due to unforeseen circumstances Kevin Hendrix is resigning from the board. He will continue to work with the Parks Committee. The Board members expressed their disappointment and ask that he please consider running in the future when circumstances allow. Kevin has been an excellent addition to our board and will be greatly missed.

Citizen Communications

None

New Business

Kevin Hendrix introduced Len Newsom of Merit Service Solutions. The Parks Committee has been working to create a Long Range Tree Plan for the Shady Hollow common areas. Len provided an overview of the services available. The board provided some guidance to Kevin and Len and recommended that an inventory conducted and a particular area be identified and a plan be presented for that area. Kevin and Len will work together

to reach that goal. Len Newsom is a certified arborist working with the HOA's established landscaping provider. Mr. Newsom's initial proposal to the board was to provide at a cost of \$500, plus tax, an overview report of the trees in the four neighborhood parks, examining the mix of species, their condition, and providing recommendations for reforestation and basic care needs. After discussion, the board determined that a more comprehensive and detailed plan was desired that would focus on one park area at a time, with priority given first to the Capistrano Park, which is one of the most utilized and has suffered recent tree losses from storms and disease. (The Doe Run park would be the next priority.) A more comprehensive long-term master plan for a park would include a detailed tree inventory and assessment of individual trees at a cost of \$1,000 to \$1,500 per park. Allocations from the current budget year have not yet been spent, so the board instructed Mr. Newsom to create a new proposal to create a new long-term master plan for parks designated as priorities by the board, subject to further board evaluation and action in upcoming general meetings.

General Manager's Report

See the entire General Manager's report here.

Treasurer's Report

We are on target with the finances and will have enough money in the operating budget to fund our January expenses without having to borrow from any other account.

Committee Reports

- **Executive Committee:** Vice President Carol Vance reported that the the committee members met in December and will meet one more time to review additional information. There will be an Executive Session at the January board meeting to finalize and approve the General Manager's performance evaluation.

SHHOA Calendar

JANUARY

SHHOA Board Meeting (CC)
7:00pm Thu, Jan 15

Martin Luther King Day
Office Closed
Mon, Jan 19

FEBRUARY

SHHOA Board Candidate Forum (CC)
2-4:00pm Sun, Feb 8
(TENTATIVE)

SHHOA Annual General Membership Meeting (CC)
7:00pm Thu, Feb 19

SHHOA Board Meeting (CC)
Thu, Feb 19
Immediately following
AGM Meeting



Board of Directors

President

Peter Varteressian

Vice President

Carol Vance

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Bill Aleshire

Secretary

Lauren Chernow

Members

Allen Barr

Russ Downey

Laura Kennedy

Pam Baggett



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- **Traffic Committee/SHSW45:** Bill Aleshire mentioned the current status on SH45SW. All indications are positive for the construction to proceed.
- **Parks Committee:** Chair Kevin Hendrix reported the activity for the committee had been discussed in New Business
- **Pool Committee:** Report on the pool construction was given in the GM report
- **Welcome Committee:** Chair Russ Downey reported he was still having difficulty finding people home but has about a 50% success rate.
- **No other committees held meetings/reported**

Old Business

- Postponed to January board meeting

Standing Agenda Items

Annexation Update- None

MUD/Board Parkland - Carol and Russell responded to an email from the MUD Task Force Members and are awaiting a response.

ANC Update: Kevin Hendrix has no report

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

**2015 Board
Candidates Cont.**

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concerns. That's very disappointing and I'd like to make sure that the City of Austin, Travis County and other taxing entities understand our needs. I intend to help make sure that they all know we need SH SW45, improved access on Slaughter to Loop 1, and more.

I have a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Texas and have spent my entire career in internal and external communications with government and private industry. I am currently the communications specialist for Hays County. I believe in transparency in government and that in order to make good decisions it is necessary to listen and gather information.

Thank you for considering me again for the Shady Hollow HOA Board of Directors. I invite you to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Geoff Lawson

Geoff Lawson My family has been privileged to be residents of Shady Hollow since 1995. Prior to coming to Shady Hollow, I earned my undergraduate degree in computer science and my master's degree in finance from Texas A&M University. Professionally, I started my career in banking and have since owned and managed various companies including: a finance company, a courier company, as well as a concrete coatings firm. Over the past four years, it has been my honor to act as the President of the Board of The Shady Hollow Stingrays. I have been married to my wonderful wife Janet for 22 years and I have two teenage girls. I look forward to the opportunity to serve this community.

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The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on December 2, 2014, at the MUD Office Building, 3910 Capistrano Trail. All directors were present.

Ms. Wheeler reported the city was finished with the criticality assessment and no major repairs to the system would be required. Ms. Wheeler updated the Board regarding the inconsistent readings on the city's wastewater meter – the city changed out the meter and should be issuing a credit for the over-billing of the MUD that resulted from the incorrect readings. She also reported the annual audit was in progress.

President Stried reported he had received a complaint regarding gravel being dumped behind the fire station. He determined the gravel was placed there by the city fire department for equipment storage. The Board discussed whether the city's action was in compliance with city environmental rules.

President Stried was contacted by a district resident who was concerned about coyotes and had obtained some helpful information from the constable's office and Texas Parks and Wildlife.



The Constable's reports for November and December included the following:

- usual patrols of parks and school zones – extra attention to cars illegally passing stopped school buses; car in ditch (FM 1626, Hewitt); 2-car collision (Brodie, FM 1626); vehicle crashed into yard – no injuries (Brodie/Saddlestring);
- suspicious persons: workers going door-to-door seeking tree-trimming work (Sesbania); driving slow - looking at Christmas lights (Green Emerald, Treadsoft);
- talked w/UPS employees using golf cart to deliver packages (Capistrano); house alarm – set off by dog (Gatling Gun, Edwards Hollow Run); assist motorist w/disabled vehicle (Green Emerald, Brodie/Denbar Ct); met w/homeowner about damaged vehicle parked in front of house – owner said it happened overnight & TCSO had responded (Capistrano); landscape truck blocking road – had driver move it (Lost Oasis); loose pit bull turned over to animal control (Gatling Gun/Blacksmith); court lights still on at 11:00 pm – resident requesting they be turned off (Capistrano Park); two loose dogs (Gatling Gun); talked with residents about report of suspicious noises (possible gunfire) at 2:30 am (Paseo/Aldama); burglary suspect seen stealing gas can from inside residence, returned to scene & was arrested (Hobbiton);
- citations/warnings: expired inspection sticker (Baranoff); speeding (Capistrano); running stop sign (Lost Oasis); golf cart in roadway (Sundown);
- **assist TCSO:** false alarm (Shackleford); complaints about illegal parking (Six Gun); reckless driver hitting curbs while driving 20 mph – driver arrested for alleged DWI & drug possession (Brodie).

Classified Ads

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Kaitlyn McKinney
Red Cross certified
825-6863

Pet sitting, baby sitting, house sitting
Lauren Dunman 17 years old
CPR certified 512-659-1409

College Student babysits and dog sits
Toney Cuellar
2915 Shotgun Lane
512-294-6603
toneycuellar@gmail.com

Babysitter
I am a stay-at-home mom of a kindergartener. I would love to watch your kids for couple hours in the morning if you want to be kids free for a little while or if you want to do some early holiday shopping. Call me at 512-825-8532.

Babysitter
I am a responsible 15 year old baby sitter. I love children, I'm home schooled and available any time.
Contact me at 512-410-9866
Gabriella Slater

Babysitter
Sarah Ralston
I am 16 years old and have babysat for the past 3 years.
Call: 292-8803
Available as of 6/17/12

PIANO- KEYBOARD

MUSIC LESSONS!
Certified music teacher, Pam Reed, 282-0145 or email wkreed@sbcglobal.net

Babysitter
Caylah Moore, 16
11508 Gatling Gun Ln.
CPR certified
282-2696

Clubs & Activities

Garden Club

Join this fun group for interesting programs, garden tours, nursery visits, plant exchanges and more. Meetings are in the mornings the second Wednesday of each month (call contact to verify). The time varies with activities. Contact Anne Linville, 280-6404, or jlينville@austin.rr.com.



Cub Scout Pack 82 will hold its **Annual Christmas Tree Recycling** event on January 17th from 9-12pm @ the Shady Hollow Community Center Lower Parking Lot.

Please do not bring/leave any trees after January 17 at 12pm or bring trees in plastic bags.

Peter Varteressian

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My name is Peter Varteressian and I am currently serving as your President of the Shady Hollow Homeowners Association. We have lived in Shady Hollow for six years and I have served on the Board for four of those years. During that time, I have worked well with the other Board members to pass a comprehensive Reserve Study to protect our amenities, a Long Range Plan for the Association, and consistently achieved balanced annual budgets. This year, we have provided opportunities for our neighborhood to get together for fun with food trailer evenings and seasonal events as well as providing educational gatherings on matters affecting us such as candidate forums and meetings with officials on school district issues.

I am running for re-election because I love this community and I want to keep it one of the best in the Austin area. My wife and I have been fortunate to raise three kids who attended Bowie, Bailey, and Baranoff over the past few years. I want to make sure this community continues to provide these wonderful opportunities for all of our neighbors. Thank you.

Allen Barr

Allen R. Barr is a proud Shady Hollow resident and neighbor for over 15 years. I am a candidate for the Shady Hollow Board of Directors because I want to continue the tradition of working to preserve and nurture Shady Hollow as a special place for its families and neighbors. I am duty bound to continue the good work of prior directors to represent each Shady Hollow resident fairly, honestly and to the best of my abilities. I gained a unique perspective of Shady Hollow while helping others build a country and have come to recognize the importance

of supporting one's family, home and community. Shady Hollow and my neighbors are all this to me. I am indebted to all those who have supported Shady Hollow and its local governance to preserve our home values and provide a safe place to raise our families. I want to continue the tradition of listening to and fairly representing my Shady Hollow neighbors.

Qualifications:

- ▶ Raised a family proud to be part of Shady Hollow
- ▶ 15 year resident of Shady Hollow and periodic member of committees
- ▶ 26 yr. State of Texas, Financial/Bank Examiner - Texas Department of Banking
- ▶ 9 yr Sr. Regulatory Analyst & Sr. Legal Assistant - banking law firm
- ▶ 27 yr. U.S. Navy Reserve, Commander (founding commanding officer of several units and deployments to Iraq)
- ▶ Founding President Buckingham Estates Neighborhood Association (oversight of several projects and negotiations with City of Austin as well as various developers)
- ▶ Charter Member InfraGard (FBI & DHS sponsored Public Private Partnership program); founding member of InfraGard chapters in Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Dallas, and El Paso. Founding President of Capital of Texas Chapter
- ▶ Charter Member Texas State Bar's Legal Assistants Division (26 years)
- ▶ US Navy League - Member and participant in governing board (prior to recall 2001)

Linda Edwards

My husband and I moved into our home in Shady Hollow in 1986. We have three grown children all of whom were raised in Shady Hollow and attended our neighborhood schools, Menchaca/Baranoff, Bailey and

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SHHOA Monthly Financial Snapshot

SHHOA OPERATING ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
11/30/14	\$62,875	\$1,721	(\$40,625)	\$23,971	(\$38,904)
Y-T-D	\$47,648	\$480,581	(\$504,258)	\$23,971	(\$23,677)

SHHOA MRR RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
11/30/14	\$221,021	\$5,743	\$0	\$226,764	\$5,743
Chase MRR 6610	\$61,984	\$2,506	\$0	\$64,490	\$2,506
Chase MRR Checking 2895	\$18,508	\$3,209	\$0	\$21,717	\$3,209
Compass MRR 2471	\$137,529	\$28	\$0	\$137,557	\$28
Compass MRR Checking 1947	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Y-T-D	\$201,722	\$33,602	(\$8,559)	\$226,764	\$25,042

COMBINED ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
11/30/14	\$283,896	\$7,464	(\$40,625)	\$250,735	(\$33,161)
Y-T-D	\$249,370	\$514,183	(\$512,817)	\$250,735	\$1,365

2015 Board Candidates Cont.

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Bowie. I practiced real estate and banking law for seventeen years before retiring to spend more time with our children.

My husband and I enjoy living in Shady Hollow. I do not have any agenda other than helping Shady Hollow maintain the amenities and qualities that make life here a pleasure.

Mike Cain

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Residents of Shady Hollow. My wife Vicki and I moved to this neighborhood in 1998. We were drawn to the area for many of the same reasons most others have been – nice houses, tree lined streets, the parks and pool, low crime, and great schools. We've raised our family here and have enjoyed all the community events through the years.

I recently retired from the military after over 30 years of service. I earned a BS in Business Management from West Texas State University and while in the military gained an extensive background in Emergency Management at the local, state, and national level. I've been active as a volunteer in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and

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Welcome New Members!

Dana & Jason Woods
4416 Reynosa Dr.

Anastasia Erb & Lorraine Accardo
11301 Boothill Dr.

Jonathan Sarver & Jordan Riley
11313 Stormy Ridge Rd.

Crystal & Julio Montelongo
11201 Whiskey River Dr.

Please come to the office to pick up a directory and update your information. We look forward to meeting you!

Classifieds

Babysitter
Caylah Moore, 16
11508 Gatling Gun Ln.
CPR certified
282-2696

Payton McIntyre: available to babysit Fridays from 5-11 & Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-11pm. 13yrs. old certified in infant and child CPR. Soon to be certified in babysitting. Cooks meals & changes diapers.
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the Shady Hollow Stingrays. I've been a member of the Architectural Committee for several years and value the efforts of many in keeping the neighborhood up to the standards outlined in our covenants.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve the residents of this great community.

Ryan Merriman

Hello Neighbors. I'm Ryan Merriman and I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve our neighborhood on the HOA Board. My family and I moved to Shady Hollow in early 2010 from a very short and cold stint in Chicago. Since moving to Shady Hollow my wife and I have had the opportunity to meet and become lifelong friends with many of our great neighbors. You may know my wife, Angie, as she is a fixture at Baranoff Elementary assisting in the Library, on the PTA, or even filling in as a sub now and then. For me, you may know me, or my boys, from the swim team. We have two boys ages 10 and soon to be 9. Professionally, I am a Sales Manager at Kellogg's where I get the opportunity to enjoy a home based office. I look

forward in serving Shady Hollow as a board member.

Aaron Vollmer

Thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself. My family and I moved to Shady Hollow in 2007. Our family moved here because we liked the feel of the neighborhood, the amenities and most of all the people that we had met. It proved to be a great choice and over the past seven years, we have truly enjoyed the community that is Shady Hollow. Professionally, I have worked as an architect in Austin since 1996 and currently own an architectural firm focused on commercial architecture and interiors. Personally, I have been married for 16 years to my lovely wife Mary and we have two children, Thomas and Madeliene. I would truly appreciate an opportunity to give back to this community that we love by serving as a board member. Thank you for this opportunity and I hope you will consider me when you vote.

